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Rehtaeh 'resonates with other people'

April 7. Leah Parsons says she's glad her daughter's story has helped others



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A tattoo on Leah Parsons' shoulder is partially covered by her shirt until she lifts the sleeve, revealing a portrait of her daughter Rehtaeh in black ink alongside small crows.

Parsons said she got the tattoo last May to honour her daughter, who had gotten one of a feather with crows flying out of it "like a re-birth" on her 16th birthday.

"It was kind of a way for her to take back her body," Parsons said.

It's been a year since Rehtaeh died on April 7, a few days after attempting to take her own life, which her mother says was due to months of bullying after a photo of her alleged rape was spread around school.

A walk in her memory is planned for Saturday afternoon, which Parsons said has the double importance of bringing awareness to

rape culture.

"It's a worldwide thing," Parsons said. "She resonates with other people because they know how easily it could be their child."

Parsons especially hopes teenagers will come and listen to the messages of respect, and not victimizing others.

"Don't stand around and do nothing. You've got to speak up. If you're saying something negative about a female ... you've got to make it socially unacceptable, that it's not cool."

Rehtaeh's story led to multiple reviews and new legislation around sharing intimate photos. Parsons said the important thing is she brought up issues "that needed to be talked about."

Parsons says she finds strength in the messages pouring from people around the world about how Rehtaeh changed their lives.

One woman said a tattoo of Rehtaeh on her wrist is a reminder to stop harming herself. Many have said she gave them strength to talk about their own rape.

"It's what keeps me going," Parsons said. "It's very therapeutic to receive those types of messages, and it just tells me she mattered and she



More than 100 people showed up for a protest at Halifax Regional Police headquarters demanding justice for Rehtaeh Parsons, including her mother Leah Parsons, second from left, last April. JEFF HARPER/METRO

matters to people."

Parsons said speaking up about her daughter's story is "not going to change any time soon" but she does take time to be alone and process her feelings.

"I'm just trying to honour what comes up for me ... I listen to what I need," Parsons said quietly.

Walk for Rehtaeh

The walk for Rehtaeh starts at 1 p.m. Saturday in the rear parking lot of Cole Harbour Place, and ends at the Woodlawn United Church hall. A discussion follows from 2-3:30 p.m.



Rehtaeh Parsons CONTRIBUTED

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"She was brave enough to speak out and she stood her ground ... and I just feel I have to continue on with that message." Leah Parsons

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First budget for Liberals forecasts \$279M deficit

Modest boosts to health and education.

Loss of grad-retention credit called a 'betrayal'

University students in Nova Scotia are losing a tax credit aimed at keeping them in the province, while funding will be increased to improve student-teacher ratios in a provincial budget Thursday that was short on cuts and new spending.

Finance Minister Diana Whalen made no secret of the fact the Liberal party's first budget since it was elected in October would contain a deficit. The government is forecasting a shortfall in 2014-15 of \$279 million.

The government plans to spend \$9.9 billion this fiscal year, which includes a \$455-million increase in expenditures. Most of that was already promised by the previous NDP government, with just \$80 million earmarked for new Liberal programs.

Whalen described the budget as "the foundation for the work ahead" as the Liberals wrestle with an economy that a leading academic recently warned is on a path



Finance Minister Diana Whalen fields questions before delivering the Nova Scotia budget in the legislature in Halifax on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to financial disaster unless changes are made.

"We have undertaken a series of measures to meet our commitments and effectively respond to Nova Scotia's

clearly articulated desire for a new direction," Whalen told the legislature.

The changes being made are modest, with health spending and home-care services getting small increases.

There is a hike in the education budget over a four-year period, which includes \$7.2 million to help cap class sizes at 20 students from Primary to Grade 2. The Education Department said the money

will be spent to hire 180 new teachers.

The government is also adding some money to early literacy initiatives and bringing back a reading program that was axed in 2011.

But less than a week after eliminating interest on the provincial portion of student loans, the government is killing a graduate-retention rebate that gave grads a maximum annual tax credit

of \$2,500. The interest-free loans are expected to cost the government \$1.6 million annually, but getting rid of the tax credit is estimated to save \$49.5 million.

Jonathan Williams, executive director of Students Nova Scotia, called it a "betrayal."

"There are lots of things driving graduates away, and this budget is not going to help," said Williams.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Highlights

- Deficit of \$279 million in a spending plan of \$9.9 billion.
- Revenue of \$9.6 billion due to a bump in personal income-tax collection, but that's offset by \$9.9 billion in total expenditures, about \$80 million of which is new spending.
- Health expenditures to reach \$4.1 billion or 46.4 per cent of total spending, while spending on education will be \$1.2 billion or 13.8 per cent of budget expenditures.
- Province to eliminate the Graduate Retention Rebate, saving \$49.5 million while holding all other fees, tax credits and rebates steady.
- No new tax measures while maintaining the Harmonized Sales Tax at 15 per cent.
- \$7.2 million to cap classroom sizes from Primary to Grade 2 at 20 students from the current 25.
- \$32.6 million on home care support and a further \$10.6 million to recruit and train doctors in rural and remote areas.

Criticism

"If they had simply held the line on spending, Nova Scotians would have a balanced budget today and a chance at real tax relief."

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Halifax nurses swap scrubs for picket signs on Thursday

Strike. About 300 outpatient appointments put off and 227 out of 740 beds at QEII closed

Surgeries were postponed, hospital beds closed and hundreds of outpatients missed clinic appointments Thursday as nurses in Halifax walked off the job in an escalating battle with the Nova Scotia government over bargaining rights and patient safety.

The Capital District Health Authority said the strike prompted the cancellation of 91 surgeries, though emergency surgeries were still being performed at the usual rate of about 20 per day.

About 300 outpatient appointments were put off at clinics that were supposed to

see 1,665 patients Thursday, and 227 out of a total of 740 beds at the QEII Health Sciences Centre were closed to patients, said Capital Health CEO Chris Power.

"This situation isn't sustainable over the long term," Power told a news conference. "It is affecting the entire provincial health-care system."

Power said the Halifax hospitals overseen by the authority were operating with 50 per cent fewer nurses than usual.

The union and the health authority have agreed to maintain full staffing levels for emergency rooms and units offering dialysis, cancer care and intensive care. However, many other services were reduced to emergency-only levels.

The strike was expected to be short as the government was prepared to pass



Kyle Buott, president of the Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council, rallies health-care workers picketing outside the Halifax Infirmary on Thursday. MITCH WARD/FOR METRO

essential-services legislation as early as Friday, a move that would force the 2,400 nurses back to work.

The law would apply to as many as 40,000 workers including nurses, paramedics, ambulance dispatchers, hos-

pital employees and people who work in homes for seniors, youth and people with disabilities.

Quoted

"This government has botched these rounds of negotiations and they solely are responsible for the situation we're in."

Interim NDP Leader Maureen MacDonald

Union president Joan Jesome said the nurses will end their strike once the legislation passes.

Dr. David Kirkpatrick, the health authority's head of surgery, said no life-threatening cases had been compromised by the labour dispute.

The nurses' union, the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union wants a collective agreement that includes mandated nurse-to-patient ratios.

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'I don't think the one day will be enough'

From banging makeshift drums and calling out Premier Stephen McNeil's name, to carrying caution signs and wearing surgical masks, Halifax-area nurses marched in unison around Province House as they made good on their promise to go on strike Thursday.

The striking nurses with NSGEU caught the eye of many in the downtown core as some cars honked horns in support and many people looked on.

Shirley Pearson from Halifax was standing on the corner of George Street and Granville Street watching the commotion across the street.

Pearson said she sympathizes with people in the hospital but feels nurses do have the right to strike.



A nurse pickets outside the Halifax Infirmary on Thursday. MITCH WARD/FOR METRO

"I do think it is a good thing that they are making the government see they have too many patients to look after," she said. "They are putting patients' care and needs to the forefront."

With the province expecting to pass an essential-services bill that could have the nurses back to work as early as Friday, Pearson doesn't believe the strike will get the message across.

"I don't think the one day

will be enough," she said.

Jacque Estey was crossing Hollis Street on her way to work when she stopped to take a look.

"I've never seen anything like this," she said over the sound of whistles and drums.

Despite having a brother under hospital care, Estey does support the nurses and the strike.

"Look at what they are doing for people," she said.

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"They are not asking for money. They are asking for more workers so they can give better care." Jacque Estey

Hospital patient stunned by warm response to theft

Dartmouth. Woman says friends, strangers went 'above and beyond' to lift her spirits after her first pizza in a month was stolen



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This is a feel-good story that's truly, deliciously cheesy.

A Dartmouth woman recovering at the QEII from surgery to treat Crohn's disease is awash in gratitude this week after some deep-dish acts of kindness.

"It restores your faith a little bit in humanity," said Jessica Wilson, 24. "When you think that somebody would take from you ... and then you see how generous people are."

Wilson has been on a mostly liquid diet over the last month, and had a procedure this week requiring a 24-hour fast.

She awoke Tuesday eagerly looking forward to solid food in the form of a Hawaiian pizza she had stowed — marked with her name — in her floor's communal fridge

the night before.

But the pizza was gone, the empty box crumpled in the garbage can.

"When you're sick and you've been in hospital for a month, the smallest thing seems so big," said Wilson. "So for me, it was earth-shattering."

Nearly choking on disappointment, Wilson took to Facebook to rant.

Sympathetic friends took up her cause and by the end of Tuesday, two large pizzas had been delivered, anonymously, to her floor and the owner of Morris East personally delivered a large Hawaiian party pizza.

Morris East owner Jennie Dobbs said her cousin suffers from Crohn's, so she didn't think twice when Wilson's friends requested some pizza therapy.

"I've seen how hard it is to be ill and not have your favorite foods," she said. "It just ripped my heart open to think that that person had waited so long to have her pizza."

Another anonymous donor left cash at the nurses' station for Wilson to get a slice, and Mother's Pizza has offered a free meal once she's well.

It seems incongruous to

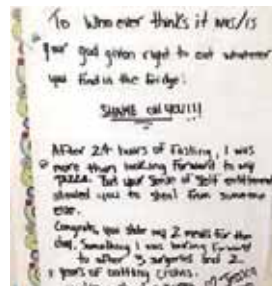


Jennie Dobbs, owner of Morris East, donated a pizza to Jessica Wilson, who had a pizza stolen from a hospital fridge after recovering from surgery. MITCH WARD/FOR METRO

consider pizza as a vehicle for inspiration, but Wilson said she was moved to tears by the efforts to make up for the petty theft that ruined her day.

"I don't know if it's a Halifax thing or a Nova Scotia thing, but it made me really proud," she said, adding she's determined to pay it forward.

"I've certainly got to do something to give back to the community and make somebody feel good, the way that made me feel."



The note Wilson left on the fridge after her pizza was stolen.
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Pizza recipient Jessica Wilson CONTRIBUTED

East Coast etiquette?

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Jessica Wilson, 24, of Dartmouth, on the free pizza she was given after hers was stolen

The true sign of spring? Public Gardens to kick off 2014 season next week

The good news is Halifax's Public Gardens will soon be reopening.

For the bad news, just take a look outside.

The damp and dismal weather of recent weeks has made it difficult for flowers to flourish in the popular Gardens, which will reopen to the public for the 2014 sea-

son next Thursday.

Folks will be able to visit the Gardens beginning at 8 a.m. every day once they're open, up until dusk.

The Uncommon Grounds coffee shop located in the Gardens' Horticultural Hall will also be opening next Thursday.

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3 charged after more than 125 cats seized from home

Three people were charged with one count of animal cruelty each after investigators for the Nova Scotia SPCA removed 127 cats from a Dartmouth property last week.

The estimated cost of sheltering the animals since then has reached over \$15,000 and has put a strain on resources, said the SPCA in a press release

Need a friend?

The SPCA says over the coming days and weeks the cats will be available for adoption.

Thursday.

The SPCA says people have been helpful in bringing in

needed supplies, but they are asking for the public to help reduce the strain on shelters by supporting crowdfunding efforts.

The 127 cats are all in the process of being spayed or neutered, tested for feline leukemia, dewormed, vaccinated, parasite-treated and socialized.

MELISSA HEALD/FOR METRO

Catherine Jessome

Murder case back before the courts

A decision on whether a preliminary hearing will proceed in May for two Glace Bay men charged with murder is expected to be made next week.

Thomas Ted Barrett, 38, and Morgan James MacNeil, 23, are charged in the May 2012 death of Laura Catherine Jessome, 21, of Bras d'Or.

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Halifax police. Man facing prostitution charges for alleged sex act with underage girl

A suspicious person complaint has resulted in underage prostitution charges against a Halifax man.

Halifax Regional Police say on Thursday at 1 a.m. officers responded to the 0 to 100 block of St. Margaret's Bay Road and located a man allegedly involved in a sexual act with an underage girl.

Police said a 28-year-old man was arrested at the scene and the girl, 15, was transported to a safe location.

"I can tell you that we did return her to a safe place with responsible adults after the incident," said police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages.

Bourdages also said there will be no prostitution charges against the girl because of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision to strike down criminal prostitution laws late last year.

Charges

Geoffrey Clarke Learmonth is facing charges of sexual assault, sexual interference and obtaining the sexual services of a person under the age of 18.

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"Because of the changes in the law, the focus is put on those who are caught with the person providing them with services," he said.

KAYLYNN PAYNTER/FOR METRO

Bedford. Seven arrested after drug search

Halifax police say they seized prescription pills and a slew of other drugs from a Bedford home on Wednesday night.

At 9:30 p.m. units with both Halifax RCMP and Halifax Regional Police executed a search warrant in the 1300 block of the Bedford Highway.

Police said they seized cocaine, marijuana and prescription pills in addition to an undisclosed amount of cash and other drug para-

phernalia.

Six men and one woman were arrested and taken into custody and charges are now pending. **METRO**

Weapons

Police also say they found a loaded shot gun on the kitchen table of the residence and an illegal air pistol.



A Dalhousie University researcher found a virus that suppresses immune signals in crickets, blocking out normal sick behaviour. **STOCK**

Cricket disease leads researcher to uncover 'viral aphrodisiac'

The virus. It blocks 'sick behaviours' in affected bugs



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The investigation of a rampaging cricket STD that makes its victims sterile and rabidly lustful led a Dalhousie University researcher to a somewhat less salacious discovery that could, with further exploration, have meaningful implications for human treatment options.

Biologist Dr. Shelley Adamo

published a research paper titled, "A viral aphrodisiac" in the Journal of Experimental Biology last month.

She said her colony of crickets contracted the highly virulent IIV-6/CrIV from a reptile brought into the lab for a separate study.

She said the females stopped laying eggs, though they seemed completely healthy — so she investigated further.

"When I opened up a female, I was shocked. This female was not a little sick, she was a lot sick," said Adamo Thursday, adding the cricket had bloated, bluish fat cells

where her eggs should have been.

Adamo confirmed the presence of the virus, and determined it was responsible for making the bugs sterile while increasing their sexual appetites.

More notably, she said the virus severed communication between the immune and central nervous systems, blocking normal "sick" behaviours such as lethargy or reduced appetite.

"My guess is, it does what viruses do, which is hijack the genome of its host," she said. "The actual molecular details of that would be cool to figure out, but we didn't get that far."

Adamo said figuring out how viruses suppress immune signals could lead to insights in regulating the intracellular signaling systems — which could have important implications for some human treatment therapies that involve stimulating the immune system.

"Unfortunately, they have serious side effects, and most of these side effects have to do with over-activating these communication signals, so people feel extremely ill," she said. "So...there would be benefits if you could figure out how to regulate that without suppressing immune function, that would be the key."



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Feeling Paranoid? Halifax shows its metal with the Iron Man himself

Black Sabbath, with frontman Ozzy Osbourne, pictured, made a stop in Halifax on Thursday night as part of the band's latest tour. A sold-out crowd took in the show. For a photo gallery of the concert, visit metronews.ca/halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Multiple charges

Stolen signs found in couple's home: Police

A Cape Breton couple has been charged by the RCMP after several provincial road signs were allegedly seized from a home this week.

Victoria County RCMP executed a search warrant at the home where they also seized two ATVs, a snowmobile and a large amount of ammunition.

Simon Wilfred Bonnar, 43, and Catherine Elizabeth Bonnar, 41, are facing charges of possession of stolen property and tampering with a vehicle identification number. Simon Bonnar is also facing charges of breach of probation and one possession of ammunition while prohibited. METRO

Body not recovered

Psych assessment extended in murder case

A man accused in the death of a Framboise, N.S., woman has had his case adjourned until May.

Merlin Demers-Kennedy, 31, was charged with second-degree murder following the disappearance last year of Michelle Demers-Kennedy. Media outlets have identified the pair as mother and son.

The accused was sent for a psychiatric assessment last month.

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Ferries dock after long delays

Ice-choked Cabot Strait. Hundreds of passengers trapped on board

A Marine Atlantic ferry carrying hundreds of passengers that was slowed by extreme ice conditions in the Cabot

Strait reached its destination in Nova Scotia on Thursday.

The MV Blue Puttees was delayed on its way to North Sydney with about 350 passengers on board after it became trapped in ice within a few kilometres of the dock.

A second ferry, the MV Highlanders, arrived in Port aux Basques, N.L., with about 450 people on board after it

struggled through the ice-choked strait.

Marine Atlantic spokesman Darrell Mercer said the MV Highlanders managed to move free of the ice Thursday morning.

The Crown corporation said the Blue Puttees left Port aux Basques at 11:45 a.m. local time Wednesday and hit ice about 15 hours later off the

A chill on proceedings

Marine Atlantic expects ferry crossings to be affected by the ice for the next two days.

northern coast of Cape Breton. Passengers were on the ferry for more than 24 hours.

The ferry had an ample supply of food and fuel and the captain updates the passengers regularly by intercom and briefings in the common room, he said.

A coast guard icebreaker was scheduled to arrive Friday evening and will be used to assist any ferries that are trapped in the ice off Cape Breton's coast. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Little Afghan girl loses arm but not her love of painting

California dream.

Seven-year-old gets a prosthetic arm fitted for free — and a helping hand from L.A. artist

She had always loved to paint and draw, something it appeared the little girl from Afghanistan might never do again after she mistakenly picked up a grenade outside her war-torn home last year and it blew off her right arm.

But with the help of doctors, prosthetists and a prominent Los Angeles artist, seven-year-old Shah Bibi Tarakhail dispelled any notion that something as ugly as war can stifle a small child's determination to add beauty to the world.

At the Galerie Michael on Rodeo Drive in the heart of Beverly Hills on Wednesday, Shah Bibi grabbed a tube of colour with her new prosthetic hand and proceeded to put a series of brush strokes across a piece of art board artist Davyd Whaley had pro-

vided. The finished result, the artist said afterward, "was pretty mind-blowing."

The artist's own work is the subject of a large exhibition at Galerie Michael, where Shah Bibi was invited to join him after gallery owners learned of her love of art.

Less than a year ago, she was at home in Afghanistan when she went outside one morning to play with her brother. There had been a violent battle pitting Taliban fighters against U.S. military forces the night before, but that was nothing residents weren't used to.

"There was what looked like a rock that she picked up and threw on the ground and it exploded," said Ilaha Omar, a Children of War Foundation member who brought her to the United States, where Shriners Hospital treated her for free. The explosion had destroyed her right eye, taken off most of her right arm, put a few scars on her face and killed her brother.

She'll return to her family in Afghanistan next week.

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Afghan war victim Shah Bibi Tarakhail shows off her own painting with prominent Los Angeles artist Davyd Whaley at Galerie Michael in Beverly Hills, Calif., Wednesday. The seven-year-old received a new prosthetic hand at Shriners Hospital for Children after losing her arm in an explosion last year.

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700 climbers take tough way up 72-floor tower

It's a scramble to the top.

About 700 people took the long way up to the 72nd floor at 4 World Trade Center on Thursday evening — hiking up the stairs.

The event is called the Runyon Up, a fundraiser for the Damon Runyon Cancer

Research Foundation.

Elite climbers led off the event, the general field going up after that, with climbers heading off one at a time every few seconds.

Participants can either do a full climb, all 72 floors, or a partial climb to the 54th

floor. There's also a virtual climb, for those who want to take the elevator to the 54th floor.

Tower climbs are held in high-profile buildings around the world, including the Empire State Building.

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Thrill-seekers

The event is sanctioned, unlike a recent spate of thrill-seekers making unauthorized visits to the site.

- Justin Casquejo, 16, of

Weehawken, N.J., was arrested last month after getting through a hole in the fence surrounding the 104-storey 1 World Trade Center and taking the

elevator to the spire.

- In September, three people parachuted from the building, producing a video of their jump.

Immigrant detainees in U.S.

Groups sue, claim retaliation against hunger strikers

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has retaliated against about 20 immigrant hunger strikers and supporters at a Washington state detention facility by putting them in solitary confinement, activists said Thursday, and two legal groups sued to halt the practice.

The agency denied ex-

acting any revenge, saying instead that those separated from the general population had been generating complaints by intimidating others to join the strike.

At least 750 detainees participated in a hunger strike about a month ago to protest U.S. immigration law as well as the conditions at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, which houses nearly 1,300 people being investigated for possible deportation. Some began a renewed hunger

strike March 24.

Three days later, guards asked several if they wanted to meet with an assistant warden. After they raised their hands, they were handcuffed and placed in solitary confinement, activists said.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Washington and Columbia Legal Services sued ICE and said they are asking a federal judge for a temporary restraining order to halt the practice.

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Chemical agents removal

Syria can still meet April deadline, diplomats say

Sigrid Kaag, the head of the mission charged with destroying Syria's chemical weapons, told the UN Security Council on Thursday that Syria can still meet the April 27 deadline to remove all chemical agents from the country even though shipments have been halted for two weeks because of worsening security, UN

diplomats said.

UN deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said the shipments stopped on March 20. He said Syrian authorities informed Kaag's mission that the halt of shipments was due to the deteriorating security situation in Latakia province, where the chemicals are put on ships in the port of Latakia.

But the government informed Kaag's mission on Sunday that it wanted to resume operations "in coming days," according to the

diplomats.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons said in a report to the United Nations last week that the total percentage of chemicals either removed or destroyed inside the war-torn country is 53.6 per cent. The report said Syria pledged to remove all chemicals by April 13, except for those in areas "that are presently inaccessible," which face an April 27 deadline.

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Quebec students take to the streets again opposing PQ budget

Austerity measures.

Demonstrators oppose cost-saving plans never implemented because of election call

A protest by thousands of Quebec students was declared illegal shortly after it began Thursday because authorities had not received details of the route beforehand.

The demonstration was called to oppose what organizers described as austerity measures contained in last February's provincial budget.

At least two people were arrested.

Measures in the budget were not implemented because the PQ called a provincial election about two weeks after it was tabled.



Demonstrators march through the streets of Montreal Thursday to protest austerity measures in the PQ's February budget. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The protesters blame the PQ for increasing the cost of public services, education and electricity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec election Monday

Marois tries income tax cuts as she trails in polls

Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois is promising income-tax cuts after a return to a balanced budget in 2016.

Marois was short on details when she made the unexpected announcement following a business speech Thursday. The PQ is trailing in polls four days before Monday's election. Marois says the cuts would be a priority but she has not mentioned them since the election call. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Vancouver kids to name two police puppies

One of two eight-week-old puppies is held by a police officer at the police dog squad facility in Vancouver on Thursday. The Vancouver Police Department is holding a name-the-puppy contest, open to Vancouver students in kindergarten to Grade 7. KAYLA ISOMURA/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER



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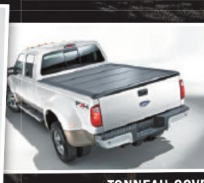
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Ukraine. Ousted president accused of using snipers, thugs to squash opposition

Ukraine's interim authorities accused the country's ousted president of ordering snipers to open fire on protesters and getting help from Russian security agents to battle his own people — but their report Thursday provided no evidence directly linking him to the bloodbath in Kyiv.

Acting Interior Minister Arsen Avakov also charged that his predecessor employed gangs of killers, kidnappers and thugs to terrorize and undermine the opposition during Ukraine's tumultuous winter of discontent.

The preliminary findings revealed by Kyiv's new leadership examined the months of anti-government protests that culminated in the deaths in February



Former Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovich THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

of over 100 people in Kyiv, mostly protesters. That violence forced a truce between the opposition and the government, but the arrangement quickly collapsed and President Viktor Yanukovich fled to Russia.

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Fort Hood. Gunman may have argued with fellow soldiers before rampage

The soldier who killed three people at Fort Hood may have argued with another service member shortly before the attack at the Texas military base, and investigators believe his unstable mental health contributed to the rampage, authorities said Thursday.

The base's senior officer, Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, said there is a "strong possibility" that Spc. Ivan Lopez had a "verbal altercation" with another soldier or soldiers immediately before Wednesday's shooting. However, there's no indication that he targeted specific soldiers, Milley said.

Lopez never saw combat

during a deployment to Iraq and had shown no apparent risk of violence before the shooting, officials said.

The 34-year-old truck driver seemed to have a clean record that showed no ties to extremist groups. But Army Secretary John McHugh promised that investigators would keep all avenues open in their inquiry of the soldier whose rampage ended only after he fired a final bullet into his own head.

A hospital official expressed optimism Thursday that all of the 16 people who were wounded in the shooting would survive.

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African migrants try to storm Spanish enclave in Morocco

Spanish officers stand guard as sub-Saharan migrants sit on top of a metallic fence that divides Morocco and the Spanish enclave of Melilla on Thursday. Spanish and Moroccan police have thwarted a fresh attempt by dozens of African migrants to try to scale border fences to enter the enclave. Thousands of sub-Saharan migrants seeking a better life in Europe are living illegally in Morocco and regularly try to enter Melilla in the hope of later making it to mainland Spain. SANTI PALACIOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crack video led to fears of retribution by Ford

Project Brazen 2.

Wiretap shows locals worried they'd 'feel the heat' from T.O. mayor, who feels vindicated by investigation standstill

Quoted

"To be fair, Rob Ford — I told you guys — is a big f---ing idiot."

Elena Basso, who lives in the Toronto-area house at the centre of the Rob Ford crack scandal, in a phone conversation recorded by police.

More Ford

Restaurant owner George Foulidis is arguing an Ontario judge was wrong to dismiss a defamation lawsuit against Rob Ford as he takes the case to Ontario's highest court.

- Foulidis sued Ford over comments he made suggesting a deal between Foulidis's company and the city was corrupt. The lawsuit was dismissed in December 2012.

provincial police force, which was tapped last month to oversee a Toronto police probe of the mayor's activities, said it was no longer involved.

That probe, dubbed Project Brazen 2, was sparked by media reports about a cellphone video on which Ford appears to smoke crack cocaine.

But at that time the Project Traveller investigation was already well underway, including wiretaps, which allegedly captured conversations about the video.

One of those conversations, police say in the documents, was between alleged gang member Liban Siyad — who would later be arrested in Project Traveller — and Basso, whose home police allege is a "frequent hangout for crack cocaine users."

According to the documents, Siyad tells Basso he had nothing to do with the video

and both talk about "G" being responsible for it. Police believe "G" is Mohamed Siad, who was also ultimately arrested in Project Traveller.

If Siyad had the video, he would bring it to Basso "directly to give to Rob," police allege he said in a May 20 conversation.

"The f---ing goof did it at my house," police allege Basso said. "I got Rob's f---ing people and cops coming here every f---ing day."

The "whole area" is going to "go down" because of "G," and "G" screwed up her business, Siyad's business and everybody's business, police allege Basso said.

Siyad wanted Basso to tell Ford he didn't have the video and Basso assured him she knows that, police allege.

"To be fair, Rob Ford — I told you guys — is a big f---ing idiot," police allege Basso said.

The OPP said Thursday that

A woman living in a suspected crack house where she suggested the Rob Ford crack video was filmed complained the Toronto mayor's "people" were stopping by every day following media reports about the video, police allege.

Elena Basso is heard on a wiretapped conversation with an alleged gang member saying Ford has "got power" and "it doesn't matter who's right or wrong ... we're going to feel the heat everywhere," police allege.

Police summaries of the wiretaps made as part of Project Traveller — a gang, drugs and weapons investigation — are among information ordered released to the public Thursday by an Ontario Superior Court judge.

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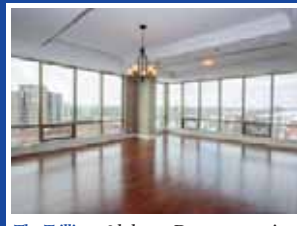
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Ontario. Lost lobster dies far from home

The Lincoln County Humane Society in St. Catharines sent out a tweet Thursday saying a lobster found abandoned in a box in a restaurant parking lot has died.

The crustacean — dubbed Mickey the Lobster — was discovered Wednesday in a parking lot. The humane society's executive director Kevin Strooband had said the investigation was ongoing, but suspected that the lobster was left there as a prank on April Fool's Day.

The animal shelter had been making plans to send the lobster back to the Maritimes where it probably came from. But now those hopes are dashed, although the humane society said on Twitter that it had received three offers to get Mickey home.

Strooband said an investigation into how the lobster ended up in a box in the parking lot was ongoing.

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British teen stuck in a rut

Sixteen-year-old Ella Birchenough tried to squeeze down a drain to fetch her phone in Dover, England. She became stuck in front of a group of amused onlookers and was later rescued by firefighters, according to a witness. TIM RICHARDS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. officials create 'Cuban Twitter' to foster dissent

ZunZuneo. The popular social network was a USAID project in Cuba

The U.S. government masterminded the creation of a "Cuban Twitter" — a communications network designed to undermine the communist government in Cuba, built with secret shell companies and financed through foreign banks, The Associated Press has learned.

Project "ZunZuneo" lasted more than two years and drew 40,000-plus subscribers. First, the network would build a Cuban audience, mostly young people; then, the plan was to push them to dissent. It's unclear whether the scheme was legal under U.S. law. Rajiv Shah, administrator for the



Students look for an Internet signal in Havana. USAID masterminded the creation of a "Cuban Twitter." RAMON ESPINOSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Agency for International Development, said it was not a covert program, which requires written authorization of the president and congressional notification, though "parts of it were done discreetly."

The project began in 2009 after Washington-based Cre-

ative Associates International obtained a half-million Cuban cellphone numbers, and used those numbers to start a subscriber base. USAID and its contractors set up front companies in Spain and the Cayman Islands to hide the money trail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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London. Smog-covered England struggles with air pollution issues

Schools closed their playgrounds and ambulance staff reported a surge in breathing problems as smog blanketed parts of England for a second day on Thursday.

Environmentalists criticized Prime Minister David Cameron after he described the haze — a mix of local pollution, European emissions and Sahara sand — as "a naturally occurring weather phenomenon."

Some schools kept children inside, while the London Ambulance Service said it was seeing a higher-than-normal number of calls from people with breathing difficulties, asthma and heart problems.

Forecasters said the pollution should be swept away Friday by fresh winds from the Atlantic.

The World Health Organization says air pollution kills about 7 million people a year globally, with more than half of the deaths due to fumes from indoor stoves.

Gary Fuller, an air-quality expert at King's College London, said Britain's recent smog had caught public attention partly because it could be seen. Motorists



Industrial pollution and Sahara dust blankets England in smog. LEFTERIS PITRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

awoke earlier this week to find their cars covered in red dust from a storm in the Sahara desert.

"Normally air pollution is sort of invisible," he said.

Fuller said air pollution in London and other European cities had improved little over the past decade, even though new cars are cleaner than older ones. He said that had been offset by an increase in the number of more polluting diesel vehicles.

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Russia

Diplomat gives U.S. officials advice

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov says U.S. officials should do yoga and watch TV comedy to ease what he calls their irrational fixation on punishing Russia over Ukraine.

The U.S. and the EU have slapped members of President Vladimir Putin's entourage with travel bans and asset freezes over Russia's annexation of Crimea.

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Twitter

Turkey lifts ban on social network

Turkey's government said Thursday it is lifting its ban on Twitter, a day after the country's highest court ruled the ban a violation of freedoms and ordered that access be restored.

Turkey blocked access to Twitter and YouTube two weeks ago, after users posted links suggesting government corruption and an audio recording of a high-level security meeting, respectively. YouTube still remains blocked in Turkey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ARE YOU A TARGET?

And if so, what to do.

Hackers and privacy thieves may sometimes come to us in ways we don't expect; here are a few examples that might surprise you



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After taking the normal precautions to protect our privacy and digital belongings — measures such as making strong passwords, using firewalls and anti-virus software, keeping computers and other equipment updated and using a VPN at public Wi-Fi sites — people have to weigh how much further they have to go to stay safe.

Inside job

"When it comes to security in businesses, the person who is going to have the easiest time of things is the person inside your company."

Leigh Honeywell, computer security researcher, who says companies need to be really careful about who they hire

easy a question to answer as most people think it is.

Are you rich? No? Is your boss?

While an individual of modest means might be less likely to be a target for hackers, their employers might be, says Wright.

"Sometimes hackers use people as stepping stones," he says. Important intellectual property or fat lines of credit can be very attractive targets for hackers.

who is going to have the easiest time of things is the person inside your company," says computer security researcher Leigh Honeywell.

"People call it the insider threat."

"And that's where having good hiring practices, having good internal security, paying attention that you are hiring good people — that's what makes the difference there."

She adds that companies should also have layers of checks and balances in place so that if someone does go rogue they can be detected and stopped. But

pect for an individual. Home research, trusted friends with computer know-how and common sense are what most people have to rely on.

When your computer is out to get you

Even technology can pose threats to privacy all by itself, she says, pointing to an incident that happened when Google launched its now defunct Buzz social networking platform. Buzz would

automatic- ally "friend" all of the people in its user's email contacts — a feature that looked more like a bug for one woman when Buzz friended her abusive ex.

"Anything you post on a website you should consider to be eventually public even though your privacy settings may control who can access it at any given time," says Wright.

"Do a little bit of

voluntary policy where they commit to informing their users of breaches.

Websites sometimes change their privacy policies. Even those run by people with the best of intentions sometimes get hacked. And there's the weak link in the whole equation — people.

"If you post too much info on FB and don't have your privacy set properly — you can go on Facebook and find lots of people who have not put in any privacy restrictions on their information and that makes it really easy for people to target them."

Hacking your world: Day 3 of 3

• Who's hacking who? Who's hacking you? Metro looks at the real-life world of virtual break-ins

• If you missed content for the first two days, be sure to check out the rest of our feature online at metronews.ca.

The Honey Stick Project



Security researcher Scott Wright has found in his experiments that 80 per cent of the time, people will look through the content of a phone they find, beyond looking for contact information.

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Spies like us?

If you lose your phone, are people reading your financial statements? Most people want to keep their private affairs private and don't want to be hacked, but how they feel about the privacy of others is a whole different thing. Security researcher Scott Wright, who runs a study called the Honey Stick Project, has some bad news.

"People love to look at other people's employment and salary information," says Wright, who runs experiments in which he will drop unlocked USB keys and smartphones with fake files labeled things like "HR salaries,"

"concert tickets" or "passwords," in different cities in Canada and the U.S. and then monitors what people do with them.

"It's not all that encouraging," he says. "For USB drives, about 65 per cent of the time people will open them, plug them into their computer, double click on files, which could infect their computers."

For the phones, he says 80 per cent of the time people will go through the contents to see what's on them.

"And it's not just to find contact information," he says.

Do the phones come back? "About 50 per cent of the time they will get returned."

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"We all have to figure out whether or not we're likely to be a target," says Scott Wright, a computer security expert who has worked in the field for more than a decade and uses his powers of hacking for good and not for evil.

"If you are not a target, you take the risk, like you take the risk of driving down the street and not getting into an accident."

But it's often not as

The enemy that comes from within

Nor should we overlook the threats closest to us.

"When it comes to security in businesses, the person

while companies can hire security professionals such as Wright and Honeywell, that's an expensive pros-

Cupid's dart

On a personal level, people need to be aware of the threats closest to them — while the stereotypical "threat model" is a stranger jumping out of the bushes and attacking us, most victims of physical crimes know their attackers.

- In the computer world threats can be close too.
- Jealous partners and exes might want to snoop on your browsing or install spyware on your computer, says computer security researcher Leigh Honeywell.

research to see if there have been any complaints or breaches," he says when asked about how to choose a cloud-based service. Many firms either have a mandatory breach disclosure law they have to follow or they abide by a

Q&A with the commish

Chantal Bernier.

Interim privacy commissioner talks about her biggest concerns and whether we need to redefine our ideas of privacy

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Personal is still personal, even on Facebook

“The public availability of personal information on the Internet’ does not ‘render personal information non-personal.” Chantal Bernier, quoting a report from her office that looked into two government departments’ collection of information from an activist’s Facebook page

Metro posed a series of questions to Chantal Bernier, Interim Privacy Commissioner of Canada, by email. The following article has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: Canadians have many

online privacy concerns. What do you see as threats they are facing?

A: Canadians face a growing number of threats ... they may be tracked without their knowledge; they are vulnerable to hackers and fraudsters; and they may be surprised to find information they posted online used in ways they had not anticipated.

When Canadians were asked about the privacy risks that most concerned them, computer privacy and Internet security were second only to concerns related to security of financial information. We have seen a growing number of investigations under the Personal Information and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) involve online issues.

We recently completed an investigation on how Google’s online advertising service used sensitive information about individuals’ online activities to target them with health-related advertisements. Not only was this contrary to Canadian privacy law ... it was also contrary to Google’s own privacy policy ... We were pleased Google agreed to implement our recommendations.

In our last annual report on the Privacy Act, we raised concerns with respect to two government departments collecting personal information posted by an activist on her personal Facebook page. We recommended that the departments not access this type of personal information from social media sites unless they

Video



Have you been hacked?

30.5%

In an online poll, 30.5 per cent of Metro readers said they had been hacked at some point, while 12 per cent said they were the ones doing the hacking.

could show there was a direct link to an operating program or activities.

Our Office recently prepared a Special Report to Parliament on reinforcing privacy protection and oversight for the Canadian intelligence community in an era of cyber-surveillance.

Canada does have a comparatively strong oversight system but our report includes a number of recommendations such as increased public reporting and a call for a re-examination of the oversight

structure designed to ensure privacy.

Q: What is the volume of complaints your office fields about online privacy concerns?

A: In a typical year, our office investigates more than 1,400 complaints under the Privacy Act and PIPEDA.

Q: With the pervasiveness of Facebook and Twitter, do you think the definition of privacy needs to change?

A: Our expectations of privacy are different depending on circumstances. What you post on the Internet is not always private. We encourage people to only post things they would be comfortable with the whole world seeing.

Q: Do we need greater investment in creating a more

secure IT infrastructure?

A: Our work has focused on ensuring organizations that are online use the tools and technologies available to properly protect security and privacy. Many privacy problems we encounter have more to do with business practices and improper use of technology to keep information secure, rather than fundamental infrastructure issues.

Q: Is the commission concerned that the government has been spying on its own people?

The recent revelations about surveillance matters have been troubling from a privacy standpoint. We hope our recent report to Parliament will contribute to a constructive, informed debate on privacy protection in the context of national security.



Interim Privacy Commissioner Chantal Bernier. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Twitter

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I care! I don't want Canada to turn into George Orwell's "1984".

@Russell_Barth 28m

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not printing your Twitter details (username or password) in a publication read by thousands daily. Ed's note: It's 1.8 million, actually :)

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All my online passwords are the same as my debit card pin(0000).It's so obvious,nobody will ever be able to hack that for sure.

@metropicks asked: Do you care if the government is looking at your personal information?



@metropicks asked: What's your best tip for keeping your information safe from hackers?

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OpenVPN. This software integrates OpenVPN server capabilities that people can use to enhance their security when using public Wi-Fi.



McAfee. This software adds safety ratings to browser and search engine results to help people avoid risky websites.

Vybz Kartel. Jamaican music star gets life in prison for 2011 murder

A Jamaican judge on Thursday sentenced dancehall reggae star Vybz Kartel and three other men to life in prison for the 2011 murder of an associate.

While police in riot gear manned barricaded streets outside the court in downtown Kingston, Judge Lennox Campbell ruled that the entertainer must serve 35 years behind bars before he can be eligible for parole. At that point, the tattooed Jamaican deejay who has dominated the brash reggae-rap hybrid of dancehall for a decade would be 73.

Last month, a jury convicted the 38-year-old Kartel and three co-defendants of murdering Clive "Lizard" Williams, who was beaten to death in August 2011 after being lured to Kartel's house to answer for two missing guns. His body has never been found.

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Vybz Kartel performs in 2005.
GETTY IMAGES

Naloxone

FDA approves heroin antidote

Friends and family will be able to take the first step to save a loved one from an overdose of heroin or powerful painkillers called opioids.

The Food and Drug Administration in the

United States on Thursday approved an easy-to-use device that automatically injects the right dose of an overdose antidote named naloxone before an ambulance arrives.

Doctors could prescribe it for family members or caregivers to keep on hand, in a pocket or a medicine cabinet.

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Huge evacuations, ruined homes after Chile quake

Repeated aftershocks. Power out in many areas, schools closed

Coastal residents of Chile's far north spent a second sleepless night outside their homes as major aftershocks continued Thursday following a magnitude 8.2 earthquake that damaged several thousand homes and caused six deaths.

No new major damage or casualties were reported, and a heavy police and military presence kept order.

The infrastructure in the area is nearly entirely intact, but with aftershocks continuing, life has been anything but normal. Power remains out in many areas, and hospitals were handling only emergencies. Schools were closed, and large supermarkets and gas stations co-ordinated their reopenings Thursday with police and military to avoid problems with long lines of customers.

After a magnitude-7.6 aftershock struck just before midnight Wednesday, Chile's Emergency Office and navy issued a tsunami alert, and for two hours ordered everyone living in low-lying areas along the country's entire 4,000-kilometre Pacific coastline to evacuate.



People spend the night at a soccer field after a strong aftershock in Arica, Chile, early Thursday. A powerful aftershock hit Chile's far-northern coast late Wednesday night, shaking the same area where a magnitude-8.2 earthquake hit just a day before causing some damage and six deaths. LUIS HIDALGO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Among those moved inland was President Michelle Bachelet, who was in the city of Arica assessing damage in the north from Tuesday night's powerful quake.

"I was evacuated like all citizens. One can see that the people are prepared," she tweeted early Thursday.

Chile's evacuation order was lifted at around 2 a.m. Thursday. Some 900,000 people also were affected the night before when the entire coast was evacuated for several hours after

Tuesday's bigger quake, although the tsunami proved small.

The repeated aftershocks have shaken buildings and sent people running into the streets in the port of Iquique, the largest city closest to the epicentre. About 45 minutes before the 7.6 quake, a magnitude-6.5 aftershock also rattled Iquique. The shaking loosened more landslides near Alto Hospicio, a poor area at the entrance to Iquique where about 2,500

homes had been damaged in Tuesday's larger quake.

The Ministry of Education suspended classes again in schools in the north for Thursday, while the region's top prosecutor, Manuel Guerra, said his office is taking action against speculators who sharply raised prices for bread, water, milk and diapers. "They will be detained and charged," Guerra tweeted, calling on the community to denounce "intolerable" abuses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Terrorism trial. Lawyer says Sher did not 'buy in'

A lawyer for accused terrorist Khurram Syed Sher says there is no evidence his client signed on to a purported conspiracy to support violent jihad.

During closing arguments Thursday, defence lawyer Michael Edelson told an Ontario Superior Court judge that Sher did not "buy in" to the scheme of two alleged co-conspirators.

Secret audio surveillance of a July 2010 discussion among the three men at an Ottawa home reveals no intent on Sher's part to become part of a plot, Edelson said.

"He didn't buy in. He didn't join," Edelson said. "There was never an actual objective — which he agreed to — that was illegal."

The Crown says the homegrown group was dedicated to supporting violent jihad by whatever means

possible.

It contends the three men agreed to raise money, send cash abroad, take paramilitary training, make and use explosives, and scout targets in Canada.

Sher, 31, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiring to facilitate terrorism.

He was an anatomical pathologist in St. Thomas, Ont., south of London, before his arrest in August 2010.

Sher made international headlines shortly after his arrest when it emerged he had once performed on the popular TV program Canadian Idol. He has been out on bail, under strict conditions, for years.

A publication ban on certain elements of the case limits what can be reported during the trial, expected to wrap up Friday.

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Digital strategy. Gov't set to unveil new framework

Ottawa is set to unveil its long-awaited national digital strategy.

Industry Minister James Moore, in a video clip posted on YouTube and the pm.gc.ca website, said the policy framework "is going to prepare this country for the next generation of opportunities in the digital world."

Called Digital Canada 150, he said the framework will be unveiled at an event in Waterloo Friday.

Observers say the framework could add details on how the Conservative government can meet its target of "near-universal" broadband access within five years. The February budget included \$350 million

for extending broadband to rural and remote areas.

It may also discuss how Ottawa will earmark the nearly \$5.3 billion in proceeds from its recent auction of wireless spectrum licences.

Moore said the digital strategy will focus on economic issues and measures to expand Canadian cultural content. "I'm talking about a digital strategy which includes the economic aspects but it will be broad based, it will be substantive."

The promise of a digital strategy has been long-standing, with two of Moore's successors promising action but a policy has yet to be delivered.

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Crass politics?

Harper unveils victims' rights bill

Crime victims would have more say as their cases wind their way through the justice system under a new Conservative government bill that veteran lawyers immediately denounced as crass politics.

The long-awaited legislation, part of the government's ongoing law-and-order theme, aims to fix what Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday was a broken part of the system.

"The rights of criminals have received far more attention than the rights of their victims," Harper said at a seniors' centre.

The proposed law — similar to one passed in Ontario almost 20 years ago — would ensure victims are given information about cases in which they are involved, such as a copy of a bail or probation order, or details of a criminal's parole.

Several defence lawyers branded the legislation as a calculated political ploy that victims of crime had fallen for. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Auditor General Sheila Fraser listens at a news conference following her final speech in Ottawa in May 2011. Fraser, the former auditor general, is training her sights on what she sees as a new abuse by the federal government: its controversial overhaul of Canada's election laws. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'An attack on our democracy': Fraser

Fair Elections Act.

Former auditor general takes aim at Harper government's Bill C-23, says it's a blow to Elections Canada

Quoted

"When you look at the people who may not be able to vote, when you look at the limitations that are being put on the chief electoral officer ... I think it's going to be very difficult to have a fair, a truly fair, election."

Sheila Fraser, former auditor general, on the Conservatives' proposed Fair Elections Act.

Sheila Fraser, the former auditor general who became a virtual folk hero for exposing the sponsorship scandal, is training her sights on what she sees as a new abuse by the federal government: its controversial overhaul of Canada's election laws.

Fraser, who co-chairs an advisory board created by chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand last fall, told The Canadian Press she believes Bill C-23, if allowed to pass without significant amendments, would constitute an attack on Canada's democracy.

Among other things, the proposed legislation would disenfranchise thousands of voters, undercut the independence of the chief electoral watchdog, impede investigations into wrongdoing,

give a financial advantage to rich, established parties and undermine Canadians' faith in the electoral system, she said.

And she urged Canadians to speak up against the sweeping bill.

"Elections are the base of our democracy and if we do not have truly a fair electoral process and one that can be managed well by a truly independent body, it really is an attack on our democracy and we should all be concerned about that," Fraser said in an interview.

"When you look at the people who may not be able to vote, when you look at the limitations that are being put on the chief electoral officer, when you see the difficulties, just the operational difficul-

ties that are going to be created in all this, I think it's going to be very difficult to have a fair, a truly fair, election."

After publication of her remarks, the NDP requested that Fraser be invited to testify next week before the House of Commons committee studying the bill. The party's democratic reform critic, Craig Scott, expressed hope that such strong words from such a highly respected figure will be a "tipping point" that finally forces the government to back down.

But the Harper government has so far been impervious to the near-universal condemnation of the bill by federal and provincial elections watchdogs, academics and electoral experts at home and abroad.

Something fishy?

Fraser said the bill appears to be motivated by a desire to rein in Elections Canada, which has been a thorn in the side of the Conservatives.

- The independent agency nailed the Conservative party for the illegal in-and-out scheme used to exceed its spending limit in the 2006 election.
- It exposed illegal over-spending by former cabinet minister Peter Penashue.
- It is still investigating complaints about robocalls that misdirected primarily non-Conservative voters to the wrong polling stations in the 2011 election.

On Wednesday, Democratic Reform Minister Pierre Poilievre said the bill is "terrific" just the way it is.

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The 1% vs. the 99%? Turns out it's more like the top 20% vs. the 80%

While politicians in Ottawa still can't decide who is in the middle class, a new analysis suggests wealth is increasingly gravitating to the very top.

The report by the left-leaning Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives shows that the country's 86 richest individuals and families — or 0.002 per cent of the total population — are getting exponentially richer and now have accumulated as much wealth as the country's poorest 11.4 million.

That's more than in 1999, when the richest 86 had as much money as the poorest 10.1 million and enough to buy up everything in New Brunswick and still have about \$40 billion left over, according to the report, to be released Thursday.

The point of the exercise, says economist and author David Macdonald, who used Statistics Canada data and research from Canadian Business magazine, is to show that if income inequality is a

Occupiers had a point

"The top 20 per cent have 70 per cent of all wealth. It's much more extreme and the concern is as you accumulate all this wealth, this wealth starts to buy you political power."

David Macdonald, author of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' report on wealth inequality

policy and social justice concern — wealth inequality is worse.

In fact, the super-rich list of Canadian residents has little to do with income in the traditional sense, he said. None of the 86 are company CEOs — often the poster children of the Occupy crowd for their unseemly salaries and bonuses. Instead, the ones on the list are there by virtue of being company founders or related to company founders.

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Hanging up on sexism

In this Feb. 20, 2014, file photo, models pose with a Samsung Electronics curved UHD TV during a press unveiling at its headquarters in Seoul, South Korea. Samsung Electronics Co., which is preparing for the global launch of the Galaxy S5 smartphone on April 11 said it is making "concentrated efforts" to ensure its communications around the world respectfully portray women. Some of its promotions and corporate events in the past year were criticized as sexist and demeaning.

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FireChat ignites off-the-grid convos

Humans made fire...

Now we've made a messaging app via wireless mesh networking so users can connect sans Internet

A new mobile messaging application called FireChat is empowering nearby smartphone users to stay in touch even when there's no cellular service or Internet connection.

In just two weeks since its release on the iPhone, FireChat already has provided a flicker of hope for people pining for more effective, secure and affordable ways to communicate. That's because the free mes-

saging app harnesses a technology called wireless mesh networking, which might someday allow a myriad of devices to connect like links in a chain.

The technique might someday be used to tie together thousands of devices with built-in radios and make it possible to be online without having to pay for the access. It could also enable online communications in remote areas or disaster zones without Wi-Fi or cellular signals. Furthermore, the conversations in these so-called "off-the-grid" networks can't be easily hacked into by spies and mischief makers or shut down by governments trying to stifle free speech.

"We are trying to create networks built by the people

Hitching a ride

FireChat's iPhone app piggybacks on an often overlooked feature called the Multipoint Connectivity Framework that Apple Inc. included in its latest mobile operating system, iOS 7, released last September. Apple says more than 80 per cent of people using its mobile devices rely on iOS 7.

for the people," said Micha Benoliel, CEO of Open Garden, maker of the FireChat app.

Open Garden, a San Francisco startup with just 10 employees, is taking another step toward its ambitious goal with Thursday's release of a FireChat app for

Android phones.

FireChat could be an even hotter commodity on Android given the demographic differences between that platform's user base and the typical iPhone owner.

The app already has been installed on more than 1 million iOS devices.

Many smartphones running on Google Inc.'s free Android software are cheaper than Apple Inc.'s iPhone. That has made Android phones the top-selling mobile devices in less affluent countries, including in regions where Internet access is inadequate or expensive.

Google is among the big Internet companies intrigued with mesh networking's potential to bring more of the world online.

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Sask. says no to idea

Ontario's NDP pushes for a ban on Russian booze

Watch out Russian booze lovers.

Ontario's NDP wants the province's government-run liquor stores to suspend sales of Russian Standard vodka due to the international crisis in Ukraine.

Saskatchewan had looked at the idea, but nixed it last week.

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LACK OF JUDGMENT? THAT'S %\$#@

1 Justin Trudeau. I'm all for politicians being transparent and real, so I don't think it's a big deal the Liberal leader dropped the f-bomb at a charity boxing event last weekend in Gatineau, Que. The PMO called his use of the f-word a "lack of judgment" but that's the pot calling the kettle black.

2 Circle of life. Imagine being on a plane, when all of the sudden a bunch of people break out in an amazing rendition of The Circle of Life and they turn out to be the Australian cast of The Lion King. That's what happened during a flight from Brisbane to Sydney, and the YouTube footage of their high-flying performance has three million views. What a scream, er, roar!

3 Final Four. It's March Madness fun this weekend as it all comes down to No 1. Florida versus No. 7 Connecticut, and No. 2 Wisconsin versus No. 8 Kentucky. I'm pumped for this but was really hoping Canada's Nik Stauskas would be playing there — the Michigan team he starred on lost a nail-biter to Kentucky in the Elite Eight.



THE METRO LIST
Neil Morton
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4 Pranks. April Fools' wasn't just parents pranking their kids. Some of the best came from Canadian companies such as Fido, which replaced their iconic K9 with a feline in their branding, and Westjet claiming it's converting all its flight times to metric. That more companies have co-opted April Fools' is fine with me. All in good fun.

5 Photoshop Lorde. Huge props to Lorde, the 17-year-old pop star who drew attention to a photoshopped image of herself on Twitter, and then showed the "real" one with all her flaws. "I find this curious — two photos from today, one edited so my skin is perfect and one real. remember flaws are ok :)" she said to her 1.4 million followers. Great message.

6 Miley & Avril. To lampoon a recent study ranking Avril as the most famous Canadian of all time, Miley Cyrus and Avril Lavigne showed they have comedic talent in a 14-second Instagram video where they argue over who is the most famous person in Canada. They end the video by play wrestling. The only

thing that would have made it better is if the Biebs was refereeing.

7 Snapchat. Time.com posted an article on how Snapchat is growing up, as it transitions from tweens sending selfies to each other to college students trading admissions pics — and colleges actually directly recruiting students using the service. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter grew up. Now, it's Snapchat's turn. Time for me to join.

8 #YouKnowYoureCanadianWhen. What I love about Canadians is how funny and self-deprecating we are. So when #YouKnowYoureCanadianWhen trended this week, people ate it up like bacon with tweets like "You wanna wear shorts in 7 degree weather" and "you say sorry when the person bumped into *you*." Love this country.

9 (Samsung) selfie with Obama. A selfie of Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz with U.S. President Obama was all the rage this week. Turns out, Samsung — which was behind the Ellen Oscars selfie — was also behind this, as Ortiz has an endorsement deal with them. From now on, I'm just going to assume Samsung is behind every selfie that goes viral. So they win.



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They're neck and neck!



COURTESY SOL NEELMAN

World of weird sports chronicled

Ostrich racing in Nevada, lightsaber fencing in San Francisco and fire obstacle running in Wolverhampton, U.K., are some of the bizarre sports Sol Neelman has documented over the years. The photographer's latest pictures feature in his second volume *Weird Sports 2*, which is currently fundraising on Kickstarter. **METRO**

Q and A

Epiphany led to niche photography



SOL NEELMAN
Photographer based in
Portland, Ore.

How did you get into weird sports photography?
About ten years ago, a friend asked me, what

do I love? "Travel, sport, photography and weird s—t," I replied. So I started researching about wild sporting events and sort of had an epiphany: I found fun things to photograph. So I quit my job at local newspaper The Oregonian and started travelling the world chronicling strange sports — 200 of them in nine years.

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Nightmare Before Christmas does Game of Thrones



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You may have heard that a little show called *Game of Thrones* is returning on Sunday, unleashing season 4 on a very eager audience. But a lot has happened in Westeros over the past three seasons. Luckily, Cas van de Pol has put together a *Nightmare Before Christmas*-inspired musical number to bring you up to speed.



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The Captain's full of action

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MARK BRESLIN**



Chris Evans, right, stars in *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*. Richard Crouse gives the movie some credit for its good action sequences. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

When we meet up with the recently defrosted superhero Captain America (Chris Evans), he is catching up with the modern world. He soon finds himself tangling with the chrome-armed Winter Soldier (Sebastian Stan), a villain from Cap's long distant past and battle against a threat from deep inside S.H.I.E.L.D., his own spy network. The Captain must determine who can be trusted. Will it be S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson), the flirty but deadly Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson) or World Security Council bigwig Alexander Pierce (Robert Redford)? The decisions he makes could save his life and the lives of 20 million civilians.

- Richard: ●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●

**Captain America:
The Winter Soldier.**
Blockbuster's plot is ripe with twists and turns and some genuinely thrilling moments

Richard: Mark, movie by movie, Marvel is creating an interconnected universe. Like a giant jigsaw puzzle, the comic book company has pieced together something quite unprecedented: a series of films that aren't sequels to one another, but when combined form a loud, brash whole. Captain America was a latecomer to the party, and

while the first film was a solid introduction, it didn't have the sparkle of, say, the first Iron Man movie. The character seemed a bit beige; a do-gooder with no rough edges. The Winter Soldier addresses those concerns, fleshing out the character and providing some very good action sequences. What did you think?

Mark: I'm not sure the word "think" applies much to the movie. But I did enjoy it, much more than the first installment. The plot seemed rooted in some reality, in a kind of paranoid thriller way, like *Enemy of the State* and *Three Days of the Condor*, and Robert Redford's presence makes the connection

Quoted

"This time out I thought Evans got deeper into the character."

Richard Crouse, movie columnist

even more explicit. But I still don't feel I knew Captain America any better in this one. He's still a cipher to me — a sphinx with a very powerful garbage can lid.

RC: This time out I thought Evans got deeper into the character. Physically he's one big rippling muscle, but it's his personality and attitude that make him interesting. He's still a do-gooder, but one who questions his mis-

sions. "You're holding a gun to everyone on Earth and calling it protection," he says after learning of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s violent plan to bring peace to the world. It's an edgy message from a Greatest-Generation type to a world where drones have become common and Edward Snowden rides the line between patriot and traitor. The message permeates the plot, which is ripe with twists and turns and some genuinely thrilling moments.

MB: Dunno about the message, but there were two long memorable car chases, and that's enough for me! Loved the cast — Redford, Samuel L. Jackson, Anthony Mackie, all great fun, but Scarlett Jo-

hansson was the cherry on the top of this sundae. She plays a lot of scenes without much makeup, which made me believe she was actually on an op. In the fight scenes, I'm sure Evans and Johansson used stunt doubles, but it looked they were doing their own work. Nice directing.

RC: I enjoyed the performances. Johansson, in particular, is mad, bad and dangerous to know as Romanoff, and kicks so high it's only a matter of time until she gets her own Avengers movie.

MB: I'm looking forward to the next installment: Captain America and Tennille, where he saves the world and sings poppy '70s love ballads.

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Cooking up drama on the gridiron

Draft Day. Director Ivan Reitman set out to make a football movie that appealed to non-football fans



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Ivan Reitman returns to the director's chair with the football drama *Draft Day*, starring Kevin Costner as the beleaguered general manager of the Cleveland Browns. For Reitman, the film signals a change in what sort of material he wants to direct — which means someone else will be helming *Ghostbusters III*.

How do you go about getting non-football fans to care about football?

That's the magic trick of this movie. When we were making it, I knew that if it was only for football fans, then the film wasn't right. Because it's really not so much about football, even though it takes place in



Kevin Costner stars in *Draft Day*, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

the football world. It's really about human drama and being under pressure and rising against it.

And you have Kevin Costner as the guy dealing with that pressure.

There's just something about the guy that looks like he should be doing this and could have done it in his life. I said this to him when I first met him, that there's kind of this inner goodness that he represents, this all-American

kind of good guy quality that we as men want to follow, and it's what makes him effective as a movie star. It's sort of what Gary Cooper and all those great, classical old-time Hollywood guys had.

How did he respond to that? He sort of smiled shyly at me and changed the subject.

Being in charge of a major-league sports team is such a public job, with so many fans and critics offering unsolicited

opinions. Sort of like being a movie director, right?

There's 100,000 reviewers out there, not counting all the people who review your movie anyway as individuals and tell their friends, "Yeah, it sucked." It's part of public life today, and it's why I could relate to the story very easily. I felt very much like his job is the job of a director in a movie. I've had to deal with those kinds of pressures.

What are your priorities for



Director Ivan Reitman believes *Ghostbusters III* is still worth making. CONTRIBUTED

Quoted

"I think at this age, if I'm going to continue directing, I think it will be things that are a little smaller and more intimate that have a stronger emotional core to them."

Director Ivan Reitman

choosing projects to direct at this point in your career?

At this age, if I'm going to continue directing, I think it will be things that are a little

smaller and more intimate that have a stronger emotional core to them. It sort of led to that decision of withdrawing from *Ghostbusters* as a director. I wanted to do it, but I was always torn for that reason. And then with Harold Ramis's death, it just didn't seem right for me to continue as the director, and I actually thought I'd be more effective as the producer of the project.

What do you think about the diehard *Ghostbusters* fans out there who don't think a third movie is a good idea?

People are cynical, and there's now a million critics out there who let everybody know on a daily basis what they think about everything. People are always almost 90 per cent negative on what they don't know, because what's in their imagination is not necessarily correct. I know we have a script that I think will work, and I have a long history of making things work. I've been wrong a bunch of times, but I think this is a really good one, and I think it's worth making.

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Horror/Thriller



Afflicted

Director. Derek Lee, Clif Prowse

Stars. Baya Rehaz, Clif Prowse

This terrifying horror thriller follows two best friends who set out on the trip of a lifetime around the world. Their journey, documented every step of the way, soon takes a dark and unexpected turn after an encounter with a beautiful woman in Paris leaves one of them mysteriously afflicted.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 89% Audience: + 91%

Mystery/Comedy



Cheap Thrills

Director. E.L. Katz

Stars. Pat Healy, Sara Paxton

Cheap Thrills follows Craig (Pat Healy), a family man who loses his job and is threatened with eviction. To delay facing the music at home, he heads to a local bar and encounters a friend (Ethan Embry). The two friends are roped into drinks by a stranger (David Koechner) and his wife (Sara Paxton). The couple engages the two in dares for money, and soon the couple pushes how far Craig and his friend are willing to go for money and cheap thrills.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 90% Audience: 🍌 96%

Drama



Noah

Director. Darren Aronofsky

Stars. Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly

Russell Crowe stars as Noah in the film inspired by the epic biblical story of courage, sacrifice and hope. Directed by visionary filmmaker Darren Aronofsky.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 🍅 90% Audience: 🍌 75%

She's starting with the demon in the mirror

Oculus. Karen Gillan shaved her head for Marvel's tent-pole summer film — but first she stars in a freaky thriller



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Scottish actress Karen Gillan is making the move to the big screen after making a name for herself on Doctor Who. She shaved her head for this summer's big Marvel adventure Guardians of the Galaxy, but first up, she has the terrifying new psychological thriller Oculus, featuring Gillan as a young woman trying to prove a demonic mirror was responsible for her family's bloody demise 10 years earlier.

I sat next to a professional medium for my screening, and she couldn't take it. Are you for real? That's cool. If you can freak out a medium,



Karen Gillan stars in Oculus, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

then great.

The film does a great job of playing with whether the audience can actually trust

your character or not.

That was a really fun thing for me to play and get involved in. As the characters are questioning what they remember and

what they believe to be real, we want the audience to do that as well. So the audience starts off thinking this girl is OK and then are

more gradually thinking, "Oh no, she's insane." It's quite a cool journey.

Did you have any trouble with the American accent?

I mean, I worked with a dialect coach a lot because I had a 13-page monologue to get through. There are certain sounds that I struggle with, or I just slip into this crazy Boston accent out of nowhere. I didn't know what it was (laughs). We'll just assume she spent some time in Boston at some point.

These are the sorts of backstories you create for yourself as an actress.

Yes, exactly. It was just a nuanced performance.

With your transition to films, is there any particular strategy at play?

I don't plot anything out. I'm not really a strategy type. I just look for good projects, really. I mean, right now I'm going to go and shoot a pilot for ABC, so there's no real plotting. I mean, I haven't plotted. Maybe my agent has, but I

haven't.

You've obviously already got a nice foothold with the Comic-Con audience with Doctor Who, but Guardians of the Galaxy should increase it to a pretty intense level. Yeah, what should I do next? How do I get the most nerd cred in the world.

I think Star Wars, maybe? Star Wars, yeah. OK.

The head shaving must come up pretty often.

That does come up a lot. I quite like it. It's OK now, but before it was just so weird. I have my hair as a wig. That was the one thing that Marvel did. They were like, "To soften the blow, we're going to send your hair to the Star Wars people and they're going to make you a wig." I wish I'd gotten a picture of, like, all these monster heads and then just my hair in the Star Wars workshop.

I guess Disney has those connections now.

Exactly. It's like, "I know just who to send this to."

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You say you want a Revolutionary spy story? Turn on the Redcoats' tale

The spies who loved each other. Childhood friends unite to foil the British in the AMC historical drama Turn

A classic spoof of the Revolutionary War finds Gen. George Washington interrupted by a bill collector out on the battlefield.

"Could you come back in a little while?" Washington proposes. "I'm going down in history at the moment."

In real life, Washington didn't know he was going down in history any more than do the characters of Turn, a new AMC drama about four young Americans who find themselves part of an espionage network destined to help the Continentals beat their British oppressors.

History records these childhood friends were the

core of what was dubbed the Culper Ring. But history remained pretty tight-lipped about it, at least until now, as Turn shines an overdue light on their gallantry.

"We're catching these heroes before they were heroes," says Heather Lind, who plays wife, tavern keeper and spy Anna Strong. "I didn't know I was auditioning for a real person till about three auditions in."

Adding spice to the tale is the mutual yearning of Anna and her former fiancé, Abraham Woodhull, in their small Long Island town. Years earlier, Abraham broke off their engagement. Each married another. Now, reunited by their patriotic cause, they find their long-thwarted romance will be rekindled.

"He knows Anna is who he should be with," says Jamie Bell, who plays the much-conflicted Abraham. And when the war throws them togeth-

Premiere

Turn premieres on AMC
Sunday at 9 p.m. ET

er, "she's the one who makes him face his fears and find his voice."

The 28-year-old Bell, born in England, began his career as a kid star in the 2000 musical feature Billy Elliot, wowing moviegoers with his skill as a hooper. Subsequent films include King Kong, Nicholas Nickleby, Flags of Our Fathers, The Adventures of Tintin and the current Nymphomaniac. He is married to actress Evan Rachel Wood.

Lind, 31, who grew up near Albany, N.Y., has logged a number of stage credits and a recurring role on HBO's Boardwalk Empire.

"I was sort of star-struck when I met Jamie," she con-



Heather Lind as Anna Strong, left, and Jamie Bell as Abe Woodhull in a scene from Turn. ANTONY PLATT/AMC

She wants the young American

"It gets hot and heavy, man. We spend at least half the season building up to it."

Jamie Bell, who plays Abe to Heather Lind's Anna in Turn, describes the slow burn leading up to the rekindling of the pair's long-thwarted romance.

fides. "To look nice I wore a pair of heels. Then Jamie came in and introduced himself and I was sort of looking down at him."

No wonder. Bell has a wiry but compact build ("I'm five-foot-eight after yoga, when I've stretched myself out") and Lind reports her height as five-foot-seven.

"At the last minute, right before the audition, I snuck a pair of flats out of my bag and changed shoes," she says.

"Very Anna Strong-like," says Bell admiringly.

The couple's easy, joking banter strikes quite a contrast to Abraham's haunted demeanour, and to that of Anna, who, in Lind's portrayal, exhibits a world of pain and resolve in her enormous brown eyes.

"On the show, I look so ser-

ious!" Lind says. "But there are a few scenes toward the end of the season where there's laughing."

"Why?" asks the reporter. Was someone tickling her?

"You can use that word if you like," she replies with an explosive giggle.

"It gets hot and heavy, man," Bell elaborates. "We spend at least half the season building up to it."

Meanwhile, they have been busy helping the struggling Continentals hang on.

Turn, which wrapped its

first season just one day before this interview in New York, was shot around Richmond, Va. Billed there with Bell and Lind were Seth Numrich as Ben Tallmadge and Daniel Henshall as Caleb Brewster, the other members of the undercover quartet. The series also stars Kevin R. McNally, Burn Gorman, Angus MacFadyen, JJ Feild and Samuel Roukin as the slithery Redcoat Capt. Simcoe, who viewers will love hating from his boots to his powdery wig.

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Dot-com startup world fuels sitcom

Silicon Valley. New Mike Judge series chronicles characters' Zuckerberg aspirations

Mike Judge describes himself on Twitter as "The Beavis & Butt-Head, King of the Hill, Office Space, Idiocracy guy."

He may soon have to cram Silicon Valley to his Twitter résumé. The new comedy, which takes dead aim at the big money world of dot-com startups, premieres Sunday, April 6 on HBO Canada following the fourth-season return of *Game of Thrones*.

The 51-year-old executive producer has a knack for taking the madness of the modern world and feeding it through a comedy shredder. He has a Texan's way of telling it like it is, as with this recent tweet:

"What we really need to save the environment are more ill-informed self-aggrandizing celebrities. The more washed up the better."

Judge doesn't need to tweet (and, in fact, rarely does). Instead of venting on social media like the rest of us, he can mock society's foibles to millions through his movies and TV shows.

His latest project allows him to goof on Twitter, Google, Facebook, Apple and all the other high-tech giants from an insider's perspective. *Silicon Valley* is about a group of twenty-something computer programmers living together in a so-called "hacker hostel" in the Silicon Valley region of Palo Alto, Calif.

Thomas Middleditch (*The Office*) plays Richard, a 26-year-old programmer who has come up with a nifty new high-speed compression algorithm that is the envy of the industry. Together with his best pal Big Head (Josh Brener) and fellow brainy misfits Gilfoyle and Dinesh (Martin Starr, Kumail Nanjiani) — as well as Erlich (T.J. Miller), the deluded dot-com millionaire who lets them all crash at his house — each member of the gang plots to become the next Mark Zuckerberg.

Besides Judge, the series was created by John Altschuler, Dave Krinsky (*King of the Hill*) and Alec Berg (*Curb Your Enthusiasm*). Toronto-born Michael Rotenberg (*It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*) and Tom Lassally (*The Goode*



Thomas Middleditch as Richard and Josh Brener as Big Head on the new sitcom *Silicon Valley*, which premieres Sunday night. HBO CANADA

Quoted

"We've both known some tech billionaires."

Mike Judge, co-creator of *Silicon Valley*

Family) are also executive producers.

Judge didn't have to Google these sitcom characters. As he told TV critics gathered earlier this year in Pasadena, Calif., he was one of them. When he was 23, the physics major worked as a test engineer in Palo Alto.

"This is boring stuff for most of you," said Judge in his familiar drawl (halfway between two animated characters he created and voiced — Hank Hill from *King of the Hill* and Butt-Head). He explained how he put in a little over a year testing automatic systems for F-18 fighters as well as interfaces for early high-def screens.

"I was programming a little bit back then," he downplays. "I didn't follow it that much. Now that I'm doing the show

I've gotten back into it."

His dealings brought him into contact with some of the big tech players he lampoons on the series.

"We've both known some tech billionaires," he says, speaking also for Berg, whose father was a physics professor and whose brother worked for Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.

In the pilot, two billionaire venture capitalists (played by Christopher Evan Welch and Matt Ross) compete to seize Richard's zippy new algorithm. Berg insists they're not based on anyone in particular, although he admits that, after researching this dot-com business world, "the craziest stuff that you can think of is not half as crazy as the real stuff you're finding."

Judge says there's a "billionaire vibe" they just tapped into, suggesting these industry leaders fall into two categories, "a kind of Aspergery-type" or an "uber-competitive guy."

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Nigella Lawson

Nigella barred from boarding U.S. flight

The U.S. Embassy in London says celebrity cook Nigella Lawson was denied permission to board a flight to the United States on the weekend.

The embassy did not disclose the reason for refusing Lawson, who admitted during a recent court case that she had occasionally used cocaine. Embassy spokeswoman Lynne Platt said Thursday that Lawson was stopped from travelling Sunday and had subsequently been invited to the embassy to apply for a visa.

Lawson tweeted Saturday that she was going on vacation, but she also has worked in the U.S., where she co-hosted TV cooking competition *The Taste*. British citizens need visas to work in the U.S. but not for a vacation.

U.S. authorities may refuse passengers admission for various reasons, including drug use. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Tom Daley ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Bi no more? 'I am a gay man now,' says Tom Daley

Tom Daley would like to clarify his earlier statement about his sexuality. When the British Olympic diver first divulged that he is dating a man — Oscar-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, as it turns out — in a

YouTube video in December, he was sure to mention, "Of course, I still fancy girls." But in an interview on Keith Lemon's *Celebrity Juice*, Daley revised his statement, saying, "I am a gay man now." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Freehab? LiLo's stay at Cliffside Malibu comped

Lindsay Lohan's ongoing financial woes didn't stop her from getting some much-needed treatment, as her last three-month stay at the Cliffside Malibu rehab facility was reportedly on the house, according to Radar Online. "Health insurance wouldn't pay for the rehab stint because this was her sixth time in treatment," a source says. "Cliffside Malibu comped it. Prior to arriving at Cliffside, Lindsay had been at Betty Ford and wasn't doing well there." **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Lindsay Lohan

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Were Gwyneth and Chris consciously open coupling?

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News

I really do feel badly for Chris Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow. Say what you will

about Gwyneth, no one ever accused her of not trying hard. And if someone who tries about 10 times harder than anyone else can't win at marriage, what hope do mere mortals have?

That's not to say that the Paltrow-Martin marriage was all picket fences and soccer games. Rumour has it that prior to their conscious uncoupling, Paltrow and Martin engaged in a fair amount

of conscious coupling with other partners, according to E! Online.

Over the years, gossip has linked both spouses to others. Gwyneth's recent power struggle with *Vanity Fair* was reportedly the result of her attempt — ultimately successful — to keep the magazine from printing rumours of her affair with Florida businessman Jeffrey Soffer.

She's also been linked to *Glee* producer Brad Falchuk and attorney Kevin Yorn. Coldplay star Martin, meanwhile, has reportedly been spotted with Kate Hudson, Kate Bosworth, and Helena Christensen. Man (allegedly) likes his blondes. Martin's rep denied the Bosworth rumour, saying the story was "entirely untrue," while Christensen also issued a strongly worded denial.

So is it true or isn't it? This is probably just one of the great mysteries, guys. We'll never know if Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin had an open marriage, just like we'll never know if aliens exist.

Miley's pot habit Can't Be Tamed

Miley Cyrus has made no secret of her love of marijuana, but apparently her intake can even shock the likes of rapper Wiz Khalifa, who teamed up with Cyrus for a track on his new album.

"She smokes a ton," he

tells Arsenio Hall in an interview. "She's young, so it's different. Every five minutes she kept being like, 'Wiz, you don't have a joint rolled? What's up?' She's a tiny girl. And she's just blowing like a train."

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I'm back from Germany — a winemaking country with a long history, both in its own vineyards and here in Canada.

If you're showing even a hint of grey hair, you probably remember Germany's liquid output as the sweet and simple stuff your parents drank at bridge club parties.

But today's German wines have a secret weapon. Predominately white, their balance of sugar and acidity make them extremely food-friendly, especially when you're looking for a match with takeout. Sushi, Chinese, Mexican, Thai, anything spicy, and they can fill your glass.

I spent some time in the Mosel region: a beautiful part of the wine world populated by small fairy-tale towns where steeply planted vines grow on the slopes that rise from the banks of the meandering Moselle river.

In the Mosel, Riesling is king, with wines like Dr.

Loosen's 2012 'Dr. L' Riesling (\$13.95 - \$18.99) offering soft, green apple/fruit expression and a palate-cleansing personality that pairs perfectly with the local cuisine. Pass the schnitzel. **PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Forget the tired lettuce, croutons, store-bought dressing and fake Parmesan cheese routine. Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how to give a classic salad new life with a recipe from her cookbook *Fast, Fresh, Simple*.



Dessert

Berry Mille Feuille

- 8 square won ton wrappers
- 50 g butter, melted
- 2 tbsp icing sugar
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) single (pouring) cream, whipped
- 125 g blueberries
- 125 g raspberries
- Extra icing sugar, for dusting

Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F). Place won tons on a baking tray lined with non-stick baking paper. Brush the won tons with butter and sprinkle with icing sugar. Bake for 5-7 minutes or until golden. Cool on trays. Place a won ton on each of 4 serving plates. Spoon half the cream onto the won tons and top with the blueberries. Top with another won ton and the remaining cream and sprinkle with raspberries. Dust with extra icing sugar to serve. **DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM**



This recipe serves four. **DONNA HAY**

Break out of the typical salad box with The New Caesar



This recipe serves four. **DONNA HAY**



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1. Preheat oven to 160 C (325 F). Brush the bacon with maple syrup, place on a baking tray lined with non-stick baking paper and bake for 15 minutes.

2. To make the dressing, place

Ingredients

- 8 pieces bacon, rind removed
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) maple syrup
- 2 baby romaine lettuces, trimmed and halved
- 4 eggs, soft boiled and peeled
- 1/4 cup (20 g) finely grated Parmesan
- 8 long thin slices baguette, toasted

Caesar Dressing

- 1 egg
- 2 anchovy fillets
- 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp lemon juice
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QMJHL playoffs.

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MacKenzie Weegar knows he has a formidable challenge ahead of him.

But he's embracing it.

After rolling over the Charlottetown Islanders in four straight games, the Halifax Mooseheads and their top defenceman are eager to face a stronger second-round opponent — the eighth-seeded Gatineau Olympiques at home on Friday night.

The 20-year-old Florida Panthers prospect realizes the Olympiques, who lead the league in playoff goals, have plenty of talent up front, with the likes of Simon Tardiff-Richard, Martin Reway and Vaclav Karabacek who sit second, third and ninth in playoff scoring.

"They're very good offence, especially with (Emile) Poirier, Reway," said Weegar, who picked up eight first-round points. "But I think we can handle them with our defence. We've got a great four-unit. We've been talking about that all year. With Fucs in net, we have what it takes in the back end. Plus, we have just as much offence up front."



Mooseheads defenceman MacKenzie Weegar more than did his share on the offensive end in the first round of the playoffs recording eight points. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Quoted

"This is what you want if you're a competitor."

Mooseheads defenceman MacKenzie Weegar

Positioned in a relatively weak Maritime division, the Mooseheads have dominated the likes of the Islanders, Sea Dogs and Bathurst Titan throughout the regular season, but haven't consistently faced top-tier competition.

That will change against

a perhaps less-talented but nonetheless dangerous, and equally tenacious opponent.

"We're excited; we're going somewhere and we're playing a big team and preparing to go inside a hostile, very lively rink," said Weegar.

"It brings out the best in

you. You want to be motivated."

And, according to the Ottawa native, motivation isn't hard to come by among the Mooseheads' ranks.

"I feel like the rookies are ready; you see how well they performed last round. We've come all this way. (Coach) Dom (Ducharme) has us all buying into the system. As long as our power play and PK is strong, we'll be good to go."

QMJHL playoffs

Gatineau coach doesn't expect repeat of 2013's one-sided affair

This is no David and Goliath story, says Gatineau Olympiques coach Benoit Groulx about the team's pending second-round playoff matchup against the Halifax Mooseheads.

"Not at all," said Groulx. "We have respect for Halifax ... (but) it's going to be determined on the ice."

The eighth-seeded underdogs are set to face off against the Herd starting Friday.

"We're a better team than we were last year," said Groulx.

The Mooseheads swept the Olympiques in the second round of the playoffs last year.

"We expect Halifax to come hard at us," he added. "We're going to have to be ready for that challenge."

The Olympiques crushed the ninth-seeded Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in a first-round playoff sweep.

But the team's pending matchup with the Mooseheads — ranked second overall in the Q and undefeated in the past 17 games — may be a different story.

"It's a big challenge — we know how good they are," said Groulx.

"We're ready for that," he added. "We're excited to start Friday and we'll see how it plays out."

The puck drops for game one at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Halifax Metro Centre.

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MLB

Blue Jays play host to Yankees in home opener

The Blue Jays host the New York Yankees Friday night in a home opener fraught with subplots and points of interest.

Yankees star Derek Jeter will make the first Toronto trip of his final major-league season. Jays pitcher Dustin McGowan will start a game for the first time since 2011. Masahiro Tanaka, the Yankees' \$155-million pitching ace from Japan, will make his major-league debut.

But the most anticipated element of the Jays' home opener might be the Hello Kitty-branded gear available for the first time at Rogers Centre merchandise stands.

This winter Major League Baseball reached a licensing agreement with Sanrio, the Japanese company that introduced the Hello Kitty cartoon character in 1974 and has plastered its image on everything from T-shirts to scissors to cutting boards.

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Let's play ball

Spring training is all over and the season's home opener is Friday night. Check out five Blue Jays to watch in 2014.

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R.A. Dickey

The erudite knuckleballer had a slow start last season before rallying to finish with a 14-13 record and 4.21 ERA. He knows improvement is needed.

Dickey says he has prepared better this spring. "I feel more ready," he said.

Melky Cabrera

It's been a new-look Cabrera this spring. The 29-year-old left-fielder from the Dominican Republic is back after having surgery to remove a tumour from his lower back.

He played through pain in 2013, hitting .279 with 30 RBI in 88 games after joining the Jays as a free agent from San Francisco. Healthy enough, he'll spell Rasmus in centre field as needed.



Dioner Navarro

The Jays are the fifth team in five seasons for the chunky Venezuelan catcher, who takes over from the departed J.P. Arencibia. At five foot nine and 205 pounds, Navarro isn't a conventional pro athlete body type. "Attack, attack, attack," is his preferred way to go at hitters.

Colby Rasmus

Rasmus is eligible for free agency in 2015, making this a big year for the 27-year-old centre-fielder. Rasmus had a banner season last year when he hit .276 with 22 homers, 66 RBIs and an .840 OPS (on base plus slugging).

His 2013 performance earned him a one-year, US\$7-million deal. Another quality season and he is looking at even bigger numbers.



Drew Hutchison

One of the few pitching success stories of the spring, Hutchison played his way into the starting rotation.

John Gibbons compares him to former Blue Jay and current Met Shaun Marcum.

Friday's Metro AR poll



With the Bruins paying the Maple Leafs a visit Thursday night, we couldn't help but think of the Buds' Game 7 collapse in their playoff series last year. You know, the game in which they held a 4-1 lead in the third period and ended up losing 5-4 in overtime. Scan the image above using your Metro News app to vote on some of the most epic collapses in sports history.

Metro AR poll results

58% Metro News readers voted Bobby Baun's performance on a broken leg and scoring the 1964 Stanley Cup-clinching goal for the Maple Leafs as the most courageous "playing hurt" moment in sports. The runners-up in the poll were:

21% Hayley Wickenheiser playing with a broken foot

13% Michael Jordan's flu game

4% Willis Reed playing through a torn thigh muscle

4% Curt Schilling and his bloody sock



Bobby Baun
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MLB

Blue Jays blown away by Rays in series finale

Chris Archer threw six solid innings, Evan Longoria hit a three-run homer and the Tampa Bay Rays split a four-game series with Toronto by beating the Blue Jays 7-2 on Thursday night.

Archer (1-0) allowed two runs, four hits, two walks

and had seven strikeouts. Archer and the Rays agreed to a \$25.5 million, six-year deal Wednesday. The contract includes club options for 2020 and 2021 that could raise the value to \$43.75 million.

Longoria tied Carlos Pena for first on the Rays' career home run list with 163 on his seventh-inning shot off Esmil Rogers that put Tampa Bay ahead 7-2.

Brandon Morrow (0-1) gave up four runs and

seven hits over five innings in his first start since May 28.

The right-hander missed the final four months last season due to an entrapped radial nerve in his right forearm.

The Blue Jays extended their winless road series streak at Tampa Bay to 21. Since taking a series in April 2007, Toronto has lost 19 and split two road series against the Rays.

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Leafs stumble but win, playoffs still far



Toronto Maple Leafs left winger James van Riemsdyk celebrates teammate Tyler Bozak's goal on Thursday night. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Columbus also won.

Toronto blows a two-goal lead in the third but still manage to beat Bruins in overtime

As the games wind down to the end of the regular season, it's still a long shot for the Toronto Maple Leafs to make the playoffs.

But in coming back from a blown third-period lead to beat the Boston Bruins 4-3 in overtime Thursday night at Air Canada Centre, the Leafs kept the chance alive despite

Thursday night

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Maple Leafs

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Bruins

losing goaltender Jonathan Bernier to an injury.

Toronto (38-32-8) improved to 84 points with its second straight victory, a very important one after eight straight regulation losses sent the season off the rails. But the Leafs didn't get any help in their playoff quest, as the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the

Philadelphia Flyers to get to 85 points and remain in the Eastern Conference's second wild-card spot.

The Blue Jackets also have two more games to play: Six to the Leafs' four.

With plenty of points already gone by the wayside, all the Leafs can do is win and hope. They looked well on their way to a victory thanks to goals by Paul Ranger, Tyler Bozak and James van Riemsdyk, and then Nazem Kadri provided the heroics 2:51 into overtime after Toronto blew a two-goal lead in the third.

It remains to be seen how severe Bernier's injury is. He left 7:22 into the third period

after Ranger pushed Patrice Bergeron into him.

James Reimer replaced him and stopped 10 of the 11 shots he faced.

Bernier recently missed five straight games with a groin injury suffered March 13 in Los Angeles.

Realistically, if the Leafs played the Bruins in the playoffs they'd have to deal with Tuukka Rask, who's having a Vezina-calibre season, and a fired-up opponent with plenty of recent Stanley Cup experience. They'd also likely be fresher than they were Thursday, when they were playing the second half of back-to-back games following a loss in Detroit. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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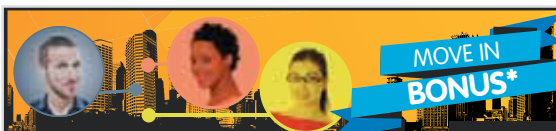
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Saturday

4°/2°
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Warm with a 100% chance of crunchy.

Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	7	6	4	9	5	2	1	8
1	2	9	7	8	6	3	4	5
4	8	5	2	1	3	6	9	7
7	1	3	8	6	4	5	2	9
8	9	2	5	3	7	4	6	1
5	6	4	9	2	1	7	8	3
2	5	1	6	7	8	9	3	4
6	4	8	3	5	9	1	7	2
9	3	7	1	4	2	8	5	6

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		6		8		2		
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You seem to be feeling a bit vulnerable but there really is no need. What happens over the next few days will lift your spirits and also remind you that, even when things do go a little bit wrong, it's not the end of the world.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be tempted to hit back at someone who has been spreading gossip about you, but is it worth it? If you say something rude they will see they have managed to get under your skin.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You have taken on a lot of new responsibilities but is that wise? You may think you can handle the extra work with ease but the planets warn it will, sooner or later, get too much. It should be about quality work, not quantity.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You must make an effort to finish what you have started, because if you fall behind any further it may be impossible for you to catch up. Close your eyes and ears to distractions and focus on the one thing you really must get done.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If there is something important that needs to be done over the next two days, get on with it and ignore those who say you're not up to the task. They have no idea what you are capable of. They will soon find out though!

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

A relationship that has caused you a few sleepless nights will start to improve over the weekend but don't think that means you no longer have to work at it. According to the planets, this may be the last chance you'll get.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

There is really no need to cut back on essentials or make major sacrifices, no matter what some people might say. It may seem as if there is no way out of your financial dilemma but there is always a way, so stay calm and think logically.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You are doing too many things for too many people and need to slow down a bit. If you carry on trying to do it all you are sure to burn yourself out, physically and emotionally, so stop catering to their every whim and fancy.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Don't let people play on your feelings and get you to do things you might not choose to do if you were thinking logically. Get tough and let them know you are no longer prepared to play this game.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Why is it that some people seem to enjoy making life so complicated? Whatever the reason you don't have to follow their example, so keep things simple today and don't go searching for complicated answers to what are such straightforward questions.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

A light-hearted attitude will take you a long way today. The planets suggest if you take nothing too seriously then nothing too serious will go wrong. In the greater scheme of things, it all comes right in the end.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

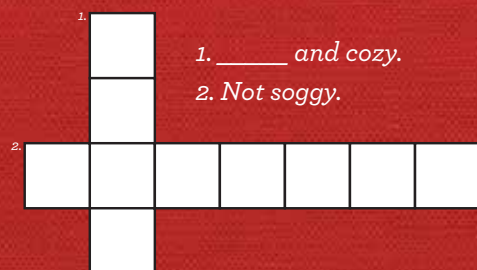
You will find it easy to see the good in other people today — and they in turn will realize what a special friend they have in you. You can't love the whole world, of course, but the world has a special place in its heart for you.

SALLY BROMPTON



*The best
of both bowls.*

BONUS CROSSWORD



1. _____ and cozy.

2. Not soggy.

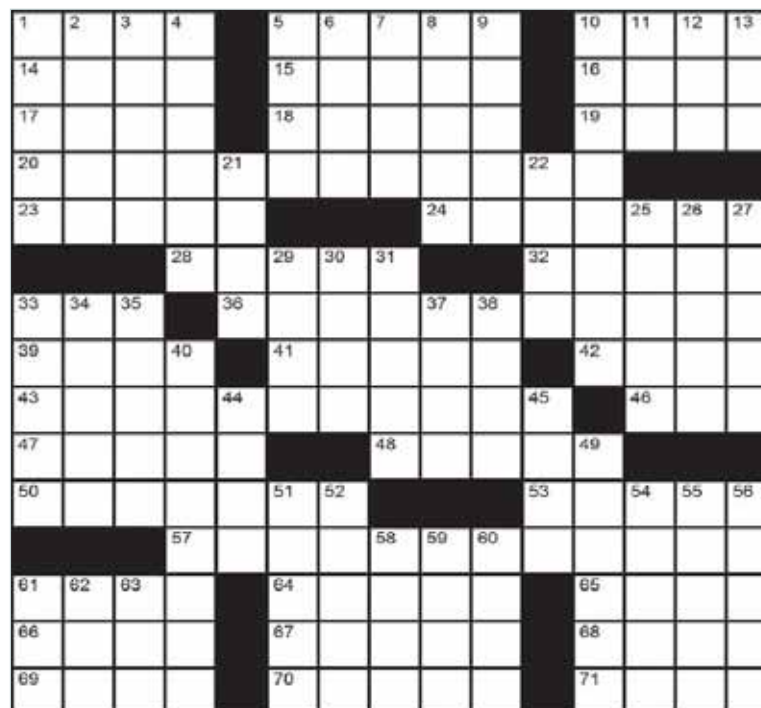
Yesterday's Crossword



Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Stairway segment
5. Business days, acronymially
10. Space mission org.
14. Fit
15. Lunch order, ___ of soup
16. Viewed
17. Fitting-here flower
18. "Shout" by The ___ Brothers
19. Marijuana
20. Purchases from #57-Across: 2 wds.
23. Ranch animal
24. Did this rather than use the doorbell
28. Dish of noodles
32. ___ Ray (Aquatic creature)
33. Title in Turkey, variantly
36. Ian & Sylvia song that starts "There's a young man that I know...": 2 wds.
39. Cleanser
41. Conrad Black's journalist wife, Barbara ___
42. Couples
43. The ___, Toronto band of 'We Still Move on Dance Floors'
46. Tavern drink
47. 'Commend' suffix (Praising)
48. "The Simpsons" daughter, and namesakes
50. Ancient Rome: Wisdom goddess



53. Melded
57. Type of place that sells fertilizer, hoses, flowers, and more: 2 wds.
61. 'Yukon's Best Kept Secret' town
64. George Gershwin co-composed tune: "Tee-___-Un-Bum-Bo"
65. Hairdo

66. Long-gone soldier's stat.
67. ___ donor
68. As soon as
69. Rip apart
70. Track events
71. Back

Down

1. Halifax Harbour sights

2. Futuristic card
3. Top rate
4. Annoy
5. Housekeeper
6. Cook's abbr.
7. Cookware company
8. Fix a bit
9. Hollywood legend
10. "Global National",

- for example
11. Captain's confirmation
12. Find out
13. + meaning
21. Epochs
22. Melissa Etheridge's "Come ___ Window"
25. 1965 Petula Clark hit: "I ___ Place"

26. ___ (Internet calculator, e.g.)
27. Stephen King book, ___ Macabre
29. Biblical land where Moses was buried
30. Single-named supermodel
31. "The Piano" (1993) star Sam
33. Type of tea from India
34. Notorious mobster, John ___ (b.1940 - d.2002)
35. Movie actor Mr. Eckhart
37. Grocery store dept.
38. Woeful word
40. 24-karat: 2 wds.
44. "___ Breckinridge" (1970)
45. Secure
49. Calgary-based energy company
51. Sound from the racetrack!
52. I' ___ (Dior perfume)
54. Building material
55. Ms. Durance, Calgary-born star of CTV's "Saving Hope"
56. Hold over
58. Cliff spot
59. ___ (Line above the equator)
60. 100 yrs. [pl.]
61. Way out
62. Wonderment
63. Bandmate to Keith

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